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Sec 3.A.(2) "impede" can mean "to stop" and the idea conveyed by the sentence is that Haiphong has been partially ^{isolated} ~~initiated~~. We believe that traffic moving out of Haiphong has been slowed down and that more effort is required to move it, but there is no indication that goods are piling up in Haiphong since the land routes have been interdicted. A time period should be given for the daily average tonnage through Haiphong. During the first ten months of 1967 identified seaborne imports through Haiphong have been less than 4,100 short tons per day.

3.A.(2) continued:

It is extremely doubtful if such interdictions as Viet Tri Railroad/Highway Bridge would be repaired in a "few weeks".

3.A.(2) continued:

The Vinh line is estimated to have an uninterdicted capacity of 500 STPD, not 200 STPD. This line has never been completely inoperable since the bombing began. We estimate that during the past TET NVN moved about 15,000-20,000 tons, rather than 25,000 tons, south of 18°.

3.A.(5) Congestion in the port has not ⁺interfered with obtaining resources to carry on harvesting requirements.

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Sec B. Military

Stockpiling of military supplies "just north of the DMZ" would not greatly expand the movement through Laos, except over the trails that extend around and through the DMZ into Laos. Route 137 enters Laos about 35 miles north of the DMZ.

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